by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan Scheme	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)	550.00	650.00	679.17
North Eastern Council (NEC)	499.86	498.72	458.54
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi)	15.40	24.50	22.33
Advocacy & Publicity	2.00	1.92	4.71
Capacity Building	2.00	2.70	7.92
Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC)	0.50	0.50	0.00
TOTAL	1069.76	1178.34	1172.67

(b) and (c) Rapid development of NER is one of the main concerns of the Central Government. To achieve this objective, various Central Ministry/ Departments, except those specifically exempted, are required to allocate 10% of their Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the NE Region since 1998-99. The unspent balance of this amount accrues to the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) which is being utilized by the Ministry of DoNER for bridging the socio-economic infrastructure in the Region. A total of 785 projects at an approved cost of Rs. 5386.64 crore have been sanctioned under the Scheme till 31-07-06. As a result of constant monitoring of the progress of the sanctioned projects by the Ministry with the concerned States, 358 projects with a cost of Rs. 1187.75 crore have been completed till 31-07-06.

The amount allocated for development of North East Region from other Ministry/Departments are being collected.

Financial packages by Government

2415. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the promises made by Government in terms of investment are not materializing in the proposed period of time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of financial packages announced by various Governments in the last 10 years and the actual financial assistance rendered to the region by the Centre?

THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Development of the North Eastern Region has been a major concern of the Central Government. To increasse the investment in the Region, the Government has directed various Central Ministries/Departments, except those specifically exempted, to allocate 10% of the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for the NE States since 1998-99. The unspent balance of this mandatory allocation accrues to the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) which is being administered by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region for upgrading the socio-economic infrastructure in the Region.

(c) The following Announcement/Packages have been made by the Prime Minister for the NE States during the last 10 years:-

Sl. No.	Name of the PM	Date of Announcement	Name of the State/Region
1.	Shri H.D. Deve Gowda	27 October, 1996	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura
2.	Shri I.K. Gujral	19-23 May, 1997	Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura
3.	Shri A.B. Vajpayee	22 Jan., 2000 13 April, 2003 29 Oct., 2003	NE Region & Sikkim Sikkim Nagaland
4.	Dr. Manmohan Singh	20-21 Nov. 2004 29 Oct., 2005	Assam and Manipur Tripura

The implementation of the packages is being taken up by the concerned line ministries in consultation with the State Governments. The process is being monitored by the Ministry of DoNER with the major infrastructure ministries.

The total budget allocation for the North Eastern Region for 2006-07 is Rs. 12,041 crore, which includes Rs. 1,350 crores provided to the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. From Budget Estimates 2005-06 to Budget Estimates 2006-07, the step-up is 18%. Similarly, the investment/expenditure in the North Eastern Region by the Central Ministries/Deptts. has gone up from Rs. 3,802.93 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 6,403.74 crore in 2004-05.

Utilization of funds allocated to NEC

2416. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation of fund to the North Eastern Council (NEC) during the Tenth Plan and the details of the utilization of the fund, including State-wise share of the Tenth Plan Fund; and

(b) the percentage of increase/decrease of the Eleventh Five Year Plan allocation to the NEC?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Total allocation of funds to the North Eastern Council (NEC) during Tenth Plan has been Rs. 2511.50 crore. The details of outlay and expenditure, including state-wise, are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Allocation of funds NEC	450.00	500.00	500.00	461.50	600.00

Funds released to State Governments (1)	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
				(Rs. in crore)
Arunachal Pradesh	36.53	41.17	33.31	48.92
Assam	83.31	154.54	122.92	84.34
Manipur	10.23	11.35	20.10	19.27
Meghalaya	19.97	16.07	21.94	27.95